

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

AGENDA

JUNE 21, 1968

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1968 as held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (2)
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 22 and 23, 1968. (2)
3. ✓ Approval to purchase an 80 acre tract of land inside the Spring Bayou W. M. A., Avoyelles Parish, from Mr. Peter R. Monroe, Jr., of New Orleans, La. (3)
4. ✓ Approval for the making of a vegetative type map of the La. coastal marshes, working in cooperation with the U.S.U. Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, the U.S. Corps of Engineers and Commission personnel. (7)
5. ✓ Approval requesting the La. State Mineral Bd. to readvertise for bids on mineral lease on Russell Sage W.M.A., as requested by Mr. Sam A. Freyer of Shreveport. (9)
6. ✓ Resolution reiterating the Commission's stand on gun legislation, presently pending in the U.S. Congress. (12)
7. ✓ Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5873 with Ravo Construct. Co., Inc. for the construction of a bulkhead at the main headquarters and a pile wall on Royalite Canal on Rockefeller Refuge, Cameron Parish and an extension of time granted to date of acceptance. (14)
8. ✓ Approval for Humble Oil & Refining Company to conduct geophysical work on Superior Oil Co.'s State Lease 2039, Rockefeller Refuge. (15)
9. ✓ Approval for Cities Service Oil Co. to lay pipelines across State Leases 2938 and 3842 on Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Refuge (16)
10. ✓ Approval of issuance of contract for Spring Bayou Headquarters, Avoyelles Parish - Edgar Williams - \$108,833. (17)

11. ✓ Approval for Director to accept the bids for Bayou Dorcheat
Boat Launching Ramp, Bienville Parish, when
Dept. of Public Works opens bids. (18)
12. ✓ Report of Joe Herring, Chief, Fish and Game Div., on Game Kill. (20)
13. ✓ Report of Dr. St. Amant on fish kill which occurred along the
La. Coast during the week of June 14, 1968. (21)

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

✓ Comments and requests of Mr. Bill Day relative to:
Saline G. M. A. road closure (22)
Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary and Buffer
zone Survey. (23)

✓ Mr. Wm. B. Phillips, Sr. inquiry on pollution (24)

✓ A. G. Kirkutis of Webster Parish Police Jury inquiry
on shooting from moving vehicles in Webster Parish.
(25)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Alexandria, Louisiana on Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21, 1968.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Friday meeting. Thursday's meeting was an informal session, open to the public and held in the Magnolia Room of the Ramada Inn Motel, Alexandria, Louisiana, at 6:30 P. M.

The public formal meeting was held on Friday, June 21, 1968, at 10:00 A. M., in the Magnolia Room of the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

H. B. Fairchild

Clarence A. Guidry

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

Jimmie Thompson

ABSENT: None

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. announcing that the Public Hearing of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on the 1968-69 Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits would begin at 1:00 P. M., in the Magnolia Room of the Ramada Inn. He further stated only those individuals who wanted to speak on the seasons and bag limits would be heard and that other Commission business would be discussed and considered during this meeting which is the Commission's regular public monthly meeting.

Chairman Jones said the first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 16, 1968 and that the second item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the meetings of April 22 and 23, 1968, which was held in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1968 was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of April 22 and 23, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Jones called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that the Commission has located an 80 acre

tract of land for purchase which is inside the boundaries of the Commission owned Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area in Avoyelles Parish. Mr. Yancey explained that the property is owned by Mr. Peter R. Monroe, Jr., of New Orleans, and he would sell this land to the Commission at \$73.00 per acre, which is the original appraisal value and purchase price of the land acquired in 1966, presently known as the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. The terms of the sale would be the same cash sale form used by the former owners of the area in selling their lands to the Commission. Mr. Monroe has stated that the only exception in the cash sale document, from the original form used in purchasing land in the same area, would be the clause giving Mr. Monroe first refusal for re-purchase in the event that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission at any time decided to dispose of this property. Mr. Yancey, therefore, recommended Commission approval on this purchase.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the present trend toward land clearing and conversion of woodland into agricultural land is rapidly changing the balance between good forestry and good farming, and changing the natural wildlife habitat as well, and

WHEREAS, one of the outstanding areas for wildlife and outdoor

recreation in the State of Louisiana lies in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, widely used and enjoyed by the public and well known throughout the State and the South as the Spring Bayou Area; and

WHEREAS, the land comprising the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area was purchased in July, 1966 by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, containing approximately 11,200 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Spring Bayou Area as an outstanding recreational area is of the utmost importance to present and future generations, and the acquisition of such land by the Commission would assure its preservation; and

WHEREAS, the consideration for which this land is being offered is the price of Seventy-Three dollars per acre, the reservation by the vendor in perpetuity of all of the oil, gas and other minerals, and the provision that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes and sale is contemplated, that the former vendor be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title, if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, or be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be by sealed competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all Members of this Commission, and it is considered that the acquisition thereof would be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of fish

and wildlife as a wildlife management area, and that the acquisition thereof will be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, the citizens and residents of this State;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from Mr. Peter R. Monroe, Jr., and/or any other record owners, thereof at the time of sale, the property hereinafter described as an 80 acre parcel of land more or less, situated in the SW/4 of NE/4 and NW/4 of SW/4 of Section 31, T-2-N, R-5-E, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, for the consideration of Seventy-Three dollars per acre, the reservation by the vendor in perpetuity of all of the oil, gas and other minerals, and the provision that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes and sale is contemplated, that the former vendor, Mr. Peter R. Monroe, Jr., and/or any other record owners be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title; if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, or be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be by sealed competitive bidding; all subject to the following conditions, exceptions and reservations:

(a) The vendor will furnish at his expense to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission title insurance policies covering the lands purchased, issued by a company or companies acceptable to the vendee. The policies will be subject to the exceptions hereinafter setforth.

(b) The conveyance shall be subject to the reservation in perpetuity to vendor of all oil, gas and other minerals made by vendors in the conveyance, and subject to any mineral reservations made by prior owners, and to all rights of ingress and egress for the proposed drilling for and producing said minerals, and other surface uses of said lands as provided for in the deeds of record in the office of the clerk of court of Avoyelles Parish;

(c) The conveyance shall be subject to the provisions that should the property cease to be used for game management purposes, and sale is contemplated, that the former vendor be granted a right of first refusal to reacquire title, if the contemplated sale is to be by private sale, or be given written notice a reasonable time in advance of the contemplated sale, if the contemplated sale is to be sealed competitive bidding;

(d) Vendor shall convey said lands subject to all servitudes of rights-of-way for highway and utilities, timber sales and surface leases and any other servitudes of record in the office of the clerk of court of Avoyelles Parish;

(e) Vendor shall not warrant the exact number of acres sold, and the acreage to be acquired will be accepted in accordance with the latest United States Government Survey; should it develop by later survey that the acreage is more or less than stipulated on the deed, neither vendor nor vendee will be accountable therefore to the other.

(f) Vendor shall not be responsible for any adverse claims of title to any of the lands not disclosed by the records in the office of the Clerk of Court of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

(g) The warranty of vendor shall be limited to the obligation to return the purchase price in the event of failure of title.

(h) The ad valorem taxes on said lands for the past three years, including the year 1967 shall be paid by vendor; taxes for the year 1968 shall be prorated as of the date of sale, based on the assessment of the previous year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Jerry G. Jones, Chairman, and Mr. H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman, or their successors, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this Commission to purchase the abovementioned land, and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses of the purchases, which said deeds and documents may contain such additional conditions, stipulations, and provisions as they may deem wise and to the best interest of the Commission.

Mr. Yancey continued by explaining to the Commission that we have an opportunity to formulate a vegetative type map of the entire Louisiana coastal marsh. If this can be done it will provide us with a wealth of information relating to wildlife management.

For example it will be possible to calculate the acreage of fresh marsh that has been converted to brackish marsh in the past two or three decades, as well as the acreage of brackish marsh that has been converted to salt marsh. The map will be made by Commission personnel working in cooperation with the L. S. U. Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Mr. Yancey said it is proposed that the field work on this project be started in mid-July and completed in early September using two helicopters on floats. Approximately 40 north-south transects will be flown at 7.5 mile intervals between Sabine Lake and Pearl River to evaluate the vegetation. The helicopter rental will probably amount to \$25,000 but this will be paid by the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission approve this project and authorize the Director to take whatever steps are necessary to see that it is completed.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the formulation of a vegetative type map of the Louisiana coastal marshes will provide invaluable information on the management of wildlife in Louisiana's coastal marshes, and

WHEREAS, it has been established that this project can be conducted with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel working in cooperation with the L. S. U. Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the U. S. Corps of Engineers, and

WHEREAS, since the proposed area to be covered in this map will

range from the Sabine Lake, the Texas-Louisiana State line, to the Pearl River, the Louisiana-Mississippi state line, it will be necessary for the project crews to rent helicopters for use in the operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that a vegetative type map of the Louisiana coastal marsh be made through the cooperative efforts of Commission personnel, the L. S. U. Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the U. S. Corps of Engineers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith and the Director shall be further authorized to enter into an agreement with the U. S. Corps of Engineers for rental of two (2) helicopters for 25 to 35 working days and one (1) helicopter for a period of three (3) days which shall be used in the preliminary development of techniques on the above mentioned project.

Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission approve readvertisement of a portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area for bids through the Louisiana State Mineral Board. Mr. Yancey said the area involved is approximately 820 acres in Ouachita and Richland Parishes. The same area was advertised last month by the Mineral Board; however, the bid received on the mineral lease was inadequate and was therefore rejected. Mr. Yancey recommended the Commission grant approval in requesting readvertisement on this area and that the same rules and regulations used on the first advertisement

again be made a part thereof.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, upon request of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, the Louisiana State Mineral Board did advertise the sale of a mineral lease for 820 acres of land, located on the Commission's Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, Richland and Ouachita Parishes, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the bid received on June 12, 1968 was found to be inadequate by the Louisiana State Mineral Board and rejected. Mr. Sam A. Freyer, Sklar Building, Shreveport, Louisiana, is now requesting that this tract be readvertised.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Louisiana State Mineral Board readvertise for bids on an 820 acre tract of land on the Commission's Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, in Ouachita and Richland Parishes, Louisiana, more fully described in exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting held on February 20, 1968, for the protection of game and wildlife on the aforesaid tract will apply to this leasing.

EXHIBIT "A"

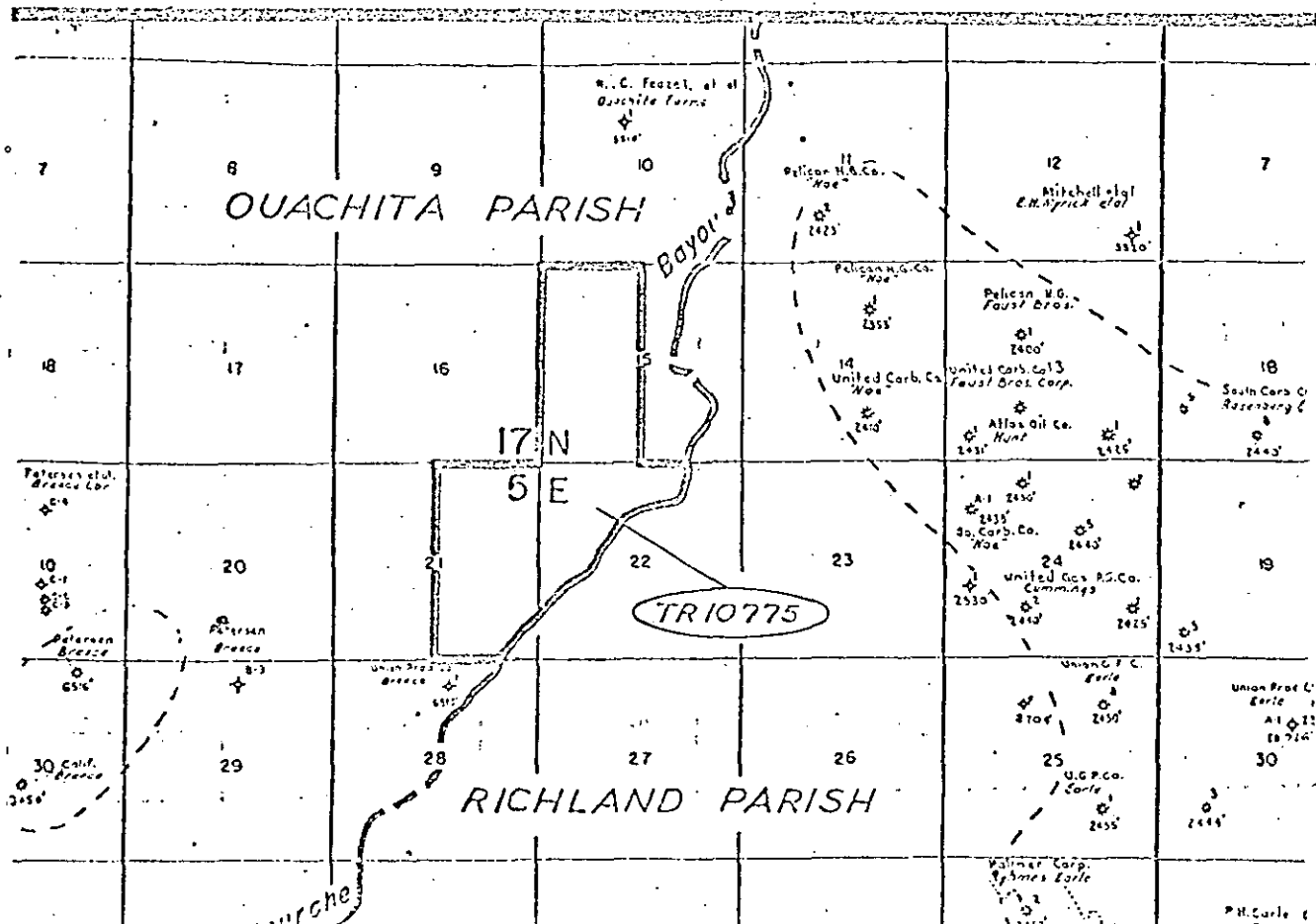
TRACT 10775 - STATE AGENCY - Ouachita Parish, Louisiana-

A certain tract of land belonging to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission together with all minerals owned by Ouachita Farm Corporation, its successors and assigns, as authorized by an act of sale of the property herein leased from Ouachita Farm Corporation to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, of record in the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio register of conveyances in C. O. B. 202, Page --, Filing No. 59709, being more fully described as follows: The West Half (W/2) of Section 15, that portion of the East Half (E/2) of Section 21 lying North and West of Bayou Lafourche and that portion of Section 22 lying North and West of Bayou Lafourche, all being in Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, estimated to contain approximately 820 acres, all more fully shown outlined in red on a plat on file in the State Land Office.

NOTE: Rules and Regulations have been promulgated by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the protection of the game and wild life on the aforesaid tract. Any lease awarded by the Board on said tract shall be subject to these Rules and Regulations, a copy of which shall be attached to and made a part of any lease awarded by the Mineral Board. Copies of the applicable Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the Mineral Board office upon request.

The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does not warrant the title to the property or minerals herein leased either expressly or impliedly.

Applicant: Sam A. Freyer to Agency and by Resolution of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorizing the Mineral Board to act in its behalf.



BIDDER Tract 10775	BONUS	RENTAL	OIL	GAS	SULPHUR	POTASH	OTHER MINERALS

Mr. Yancey then requested the Commission to reiterate its stand opposing Congressional legislation on the registration and licensing or any other restriction upon the use or acquisition of sporting rifles and shotguns for recreational purposes.

Mr. Thompson concurred with Mr. Yancey very strongly stating that "This nation is on its way down, if this law is put into effect." He also urged the public opposition by all present at the meeting as legislation of this nature would take away the right of the individual citizen and would not protect good law abiding citizens from the criminal because the criminal will get a gun in any way possible regardless of the law.

Dr. Glasgow also appealed to the sportsmen to help the Commission fight this legislation, to stand up and protect their rights by contacting members of Congress urging their opposition to this legislation.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, attempts are being made in the U. S. to create mass hysteria over firearms including sporting rifles and shotguns, and

WHEREAS, the vast amount of propaganda fostered upon the American people in recent weeks has implied that registration and/or licensing of all firearms is the only solution to many of the nation's problems, and

WHEREAS, the introduction of a number of anti-gun bills in Congress will severely penalize millions of Americans who use

sporting arms for hunting wild game and other recreational purposes, and

WHEREAS, the proponents of such legislation are insisting upon hasty and immediate action on these bills that are designed to restrict the rights of all the people to acquire and use sporting arms that have been in effect for hundreds of years because of the totally irrational act of one alien who used a registered pistol to assassinate a presidential candidate, and

WHEREAS, 300,000 sportsmen in Louisiana enjoyed over 5.5 million peaceful trips afield with firearms last winter in the pursuit of wild game and game birds, and

WHEREAS, the sport of hunting with firearms is constantly being promoted by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission because it is the basis for wildlife management programs and because this wholesome outdoor sport contributes to the well being and character of hundreds of thousands of sportsmen thereby serving as a deterrent to crime.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation vigorously oppose all legislation that would call for the registration and licensing or any other restriction upon the use of sporting rifles and shotguns for recreational purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sportsmen of Louisiana be urged to make known their views on this urgent matter to Congress

and the President of the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President and to members of Congress.

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has notified the Commission of the completion of Contract No. 5873 with Ravo Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, for the construction of a bulkhead at the main headquarters and a pile wall on the Royalite Canal on the Rockefeller Refuge, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, for which the Department of Public Works has recommended the Commission's acceptance on same.

The Department of Public Works has also recommended an extension of time on the contract which expired on January 5, 1968 and Mr. Ensminger said that if the extension is granted that it be to the date of the Commission's acceptance. Mr. Ensminger further stated that several liens have been filed against this contractor; however, the usual procedure is still required by filing the Commission's formal acceptance with the Recorder of Mortgages in Cameron Parish, Louisiana as final payment cannot legally be made until forty-five days after the filing of the notice of completion.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public

Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5873, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Ravo Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of a bulkhead at the main headquarters and a pile wall on Royalite Canal on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Ravo Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5873, with said Commission, dated June 29, 1967, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana.

Mr. Ensminger then told the Commission of the Humble Oil and Refining Company's request for "no objection" to conduct some geophysical work on Superior Oil Company's State Lease 2039 on the Rockefeller Refuge. The area outlined in question is described as Sections 23, 25, 26, 27 and 34 of T-16-S, R-3-W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Ensminger said this proposal has been examined and found to be in order provided the Humble Oil and Refining Company adhere to all terms and conditions as set forth in their existing geophysical permit.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission and offer no objection to the Humble Oil and Refining Company conducting geophysical operations on the Commission's Rockefeller Refuge in Sections 23, 25, 26, 27 and 34 of Township 16 South, Range 3 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Permission is hereby granted provided the Humble Oil and Refining Company adheres to all terms and conditions as set forth in their existing geophysical permit applying to the company's other operations in the area which shall be binding upon said company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger continued by telling the Commission of the request received from Cities Service Oil Company for permission to install production facilities on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area to service State Leases 3942 and 2938, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Ensminger said this proposal has been examined and found to be feasible provided the Cities Service Oil Company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission that permission is hereby granted to the Cities Service Oil Company to install production facilities on the Commission's Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area to service State Leases 3942 and 2938. Permission is hereby granted provided the Cities Service Oil Company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon said company for the protection and benefit of the wildlife resources in the area and prevention of pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Joe L. Herring for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring explained to the Commission that bids have been received from the Louisiana Division of Administration for the construction of headquarters facilities on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, for which a total of 6 bids were received. The lowest bidder for this job was Edgar M. Williams of Alexandria in the amount of \$108,833.00. Mr. Herring said that this concern is a reputable company. The Louisiana Division of Administration and the architect for this work has recommended that the Commission accept this bid as it is a good bid and in line with the estimated cost.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids for the construction of the headquarters facilities on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, for which a total of six (6) bids were received, with Edgar M. Williams of Alexandria, Louisiana, being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$108,833.00, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration and the Architect have stated that the low bid received is a good bid and have recommended the Commission's acceptance on same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the awarding of a contract to Edgar M. Williams of Alexandria, Louisiana, in the amount of \$108,833.00 for the construction of headquarters facilities on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then explained to the Commission that since the end of the fiscal year is rapidly drawing close, it is requested that the Commission grant approval for the Director to accept the bids on the construction of Bayou Dorcheat boat launching ramp in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which will be opened on Tuesday, June 25, 1968 by the Louisiana Department of Public Works. If authorization is granted to the Director to sign the contract if the low bid

received is in line with the estimated cost, Mr. Herring said this action can then be ratified at the July monthly Commission meeting.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the end of the fiscal year is near and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will not have another meeting until July, 1968, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works, upon the request of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, will open bids on Tuesday, June 25, 1968 for the construction of a boat launching ramp on Bayou Dorcheat, with funds being appropriated from the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 1968.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that authorization is hereby given to Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, Director of the Commission, to sign any and all documents in the issuance and awarding of a contract to the low bidder for the construction of a boat launching ramp on Bayou Dorcheat, Webster Parish, Louisiana. Authorization is hereby granted to the Director provided the lowest bid received is in line with the estimated cost of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Director in signing the contract referenced above shall be ratified at the meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's regular public monthly meeting to be held in July, 1968.

Mr. Herring then reported to the Commission on the game kills throughout the State. There were various wildlife displays and maps present at the meeting which gave statistical information on reported kills. Mr. Herring explained that this year his division has started to make this report in order to give the public some idea of the wildlife trends and he said in all cases the information compiled has shown an upward trend in both hunter efforts and kills. Mr. Herring stated that this is an excellent example and reason for the Commission to try to purchase more land for the establishment of wildlife management areas as more hunts and hunters could be afforded this opportunity.

Mr. Herring gave a complete report of the dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel and deer kill survey as made for the 1967-68 hunting season. A comparison was also given of kills made during the 1954-55 hunting season. A summary of each is as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
Dove Hunters	46,684	84,807
Dove kill	1,026,033	2,066,820
Quail Hunters	28,335	35,674
Quail kill	457,260	635,732
Rabbit Hunters	47,130	111,930
Rabbit kill	1,026,673	2,059,004
Squirrel Hunters	110,777	157,801
Squirrel kill	2,089,693	2,849,541
Deer Hunters		124,047
Deer kill		35,830

In all instances the hunter participation was up and in some cases such as the rabbit hunters it has more than doubled

since 1954. In all cases the kill had also increased by a substantial margin. We feel that this increase can continue for only a few more years and then a peak will be reached and both hunters and game kills after this time will probably decrease in animals killed due to the loss of much of our hunting grounds for agriculture, highways, urbanization and other causes for an advancing state. This is one reason that more emphasis should be placed on land acquisition and additional hunting and fishing areas for an expanding population of hunters and fishermen in our state.

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. St. Amant to give a report on the recent fish kill on the Louisiana coast.

Dr. St. Amant explained that there was a fish kill last week which occurred along the coast and it was widely publicized. He said perhaps it might be well to give some facts about it. The initial kill was reported along lower Bayou Lafourche and the coast near its mouth, with about 90 percent of the dead fish being croakers. Dr. St. Amant said a second kill occurred about 30 miles away in Bayou Chaland which was localized in that area. He explained that there were many rumors as to the cause of the kills. One report received was that out of state rough fish boats went to the dealers trying to sell their catch and could not so, then, as they were returning to the Gulf they were reported to have thrown the fish over board into Bayou Lafourche. Dr. St. Amant said this was checked out through the dealers in the area who stated that the rumor was false. Other reported

rumors as to the cause of the kill were also investigated and found to be false. Dr. St. Amant stated that due to the location of the kills and type of kill, it was evident that the cause of mortality was not associated with any chemical or foreign material. The kills appeared to be from biological causes and were a form of natural mortality, either from plant or animal plankton. Dr. St. Amant said it was estimated about 80 tons of fish were killed and compared to the number of fish in the Gulf and daily catches it was a nominal amount. Reports of other fish kills were also received and investigated which proved to be erroneous.

Dr. Glasgow also stated several individuals have asked about fishing conditions on the coast since these kills have been occurring. He assured the public that fishing is excellent as he knew this to be a fact and the present catches are in no way effected by these kills.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission and then recognized Mr. Bill Day.

Mr. Day discussed the limited access to fishing on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. He said the Hunt Oil Company provided about the only access road and they have just recently put up a fence across the road in a very dangerous place. Mr. Day further stated that no prior advance notice of the establishment of this gate or fence was given to the hunters by either the Commission or the Hunt Oil Company.

Mr. Dan Dennett, District IV Ferriday Office Supervisor, replied to Mr. Day by telling when the Saline Wildlife Management Area was purchased, it was through the generosity of the Hunt Oil Company that free access was given, but due to the high water in the area these roads have become almost impassable. Mr. Dennett said the area has experienced an unusual case of high water and that the hunters have not been very considerate as they have used this road with 4-wheel drive vehicles which has caused most of the damage.

Mr. Day requested that the Director negotiate with the Hunt Oil Company for an agreement that they would notify the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in advance the closing of any roads to public use by Hunt Oil Company.

Mr. Day then spoke in behalf of the Grant Parish Wildlife Association congratulating Mr. Jimmie Thompson on the services he performed while serving as Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Day discussed several other problems dealing with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. His main problem was concerning the boundaries of Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary. Mr. Day has had for several years, a duck blind located in Catahoula Lake. It was Mr. Day's belief that the blind was not within the boundary markers of the Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary or buffer zone. Mr. Day's contention was that the recent survey of the sanctuary by the Department of Public Works was incorrect. He requested the Director to send him a copy of the field survey notes so that he could check

them himself.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Day has for the past several years maintained a duck blind in Catahoula Lake, and

WHEREAS, it is Mr. Day's belief that his duck blind is not within the Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary or buffer zone, thereby making it legal for him to maintain a duck blind in the same location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and instruct the Director, Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, to furnish Mr. Bill Day a copy of the field survey notes as taken on the establishment of the boundaries and buffer zone for the Catahoula Lake Bird Sanctuary by the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

Chairman Jones recognized Mr. William B. Phillips, Sr. of Alexandria, Louisiana, for the next discussion before the Commission.

Mr. Phillips spoke on the prevention of pollution. He stated it was rumored that there was a bill in the legislature permitting certain types of pollution in the neighboring streams of Alexandria. Mr. Phillips explained he has been fighting pollution for several years and will strive to continue to fight against it.

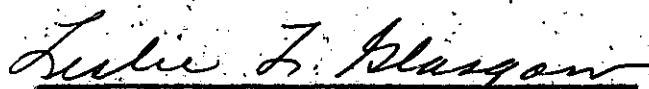
Dr. Glasgow thanked Mr. Phillips for his loyal assistance rendered in the past and assured him that there is not any bill in the legislature, to his knowledge, which would permit pollution of streams.

Mr. Phillips then urged every one to fight for the rights of the citizens and hunters in opposing the Congressional legislation on firearms. Mr. Phillips thanked Dr. Glasgow for his complimentary statements concerning his past efforts in conservation and assured him of continued support.

Mr. A. G. Kirkutius of the Webster Parish Police Jury questioned the legality of shooting from moving vehicles in Webster Parish.

Dr. Glasgow explained that at the present time, shooting from the Highways in Webster Parish is legal; however, there is a bill in the legislature, which will probably pass, prohibiting the shooting from moving vehicles in Webster Parish.

Chairman Jones asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission. There being no other matters for consideration, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.


Leslie L. Glasgow, Director